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Omnibus bill funds ongoing Army Corps of Engineers construction projects in Ohio River Basin

LOUISVILLE, KY – The Omnibus Bill passed last week includes funds for several Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District navigation and flood protection construction projects and that require an efficient funding stream to reach completion. The Omnibus bill serves as the District's FY09 civil works budget.

The Construction General Funds include the following projects:

Indianapolis North White River Flood Protection Project - \$2.5 million
Markland Locks and Dam Rehabilitation, Markland, Ky. – \$10.1 million
McAlpine Lock, Louisville - \$6.3 million
Duck Creek Flood Protection Project, Cincinnati - \$3.8 million
Ohio River Greenway, Clarksville, New Albany and Jeffersonville, Ind. - \$957,000
Ohio River Waterfront, Cincinnati - \$2.9 million
Olmsted Lock and Dam Project., Ill. - \$109 million
Holes Creek, West Carrollton, Ohio - \$1.2 million

Olmsted is among the high performing construction projects funded because of its substantial economic benefits to the nation. It will replace two 76-year old structures on the lower Ohio River. This strategic reach of the Ohio provides a connection between the Ohio, Tennessee, Cumberland and Mississippi rivers. The area is described as the "hub" of the waterway system. More tonnage passes this point than any other place in America's inland navigation system.

"Aging navigation infrastructure and flood risk management projects are critical in the Ohio River Basin," said Sharon Bond, Louisville District chief of planning. "This funding allows for an efficient construction schedule to continue."

In general, the funds construct water resources projects that provide high economic and environmental returns on the nation's investments.

The civil works budget projects are organized by systems based on watershed and sub-watersheds. This sets the stage for improved management of civil works assets and a more systematic budget development for future years.

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